

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Offutt Farmstead Inventory Number: F-1-145

Address: 2141 Point of Rocks Road City: Point of Rocks Zip Code: 21777

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Point of Rocks, Md.

Owner: Jerome Offutt

Tax Parcel Number: 102 Tax Map Number: 16 Tax Account ID Number: 001477

Project: Duke Energy North America power plant Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Offutt Farmstead is located east of Ballenger Creek Pike (Point of Rocks Road) and is traversed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks. The farmstead consists of a main house (ca. 1875) and seven outbuildings, including a frame bank barn (ca. 1900). The main house stands near the center of the farm and is reached by a long farm road. The dwelling faces north, toward a cluster of several outbuildings. The two-story, frame dwelling occupies an L-shaped footprint with an infill addition. The building is supported by a parged stone and concrete-block foundation. The building is sheathed in vinyl siding and features one-over-one, wood-sash, windows. The building's frame is composed of rough-cut lumber (Linwood Offutt, Personal Communication 15 May 2001). A moderately-pitched, side-gabled roof sheathed in slate tops the building. Three interior end chimneys punctuate the building's roofline.

Although the land tenure history is associated with the Thomas family (English), the current house on the property appears to date from the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The modest dwelling exhibits minimal late-nineteenth-century scrollwork ornamentation. The building's exterior appearance has undergone modification, including the installation of vinyl siding and a poured-concrete porch foundation. The building's east wall also was rebuilt after a fire ca. 1983. The building is not associated with a significant event (Criterion A) or person (Criterion B) and does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction (Criterion C).

Prepared by: Scott Meacham, Architectural
Historian

Date Prepared: 5 June 2001

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| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW | |
| Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/> | Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| Comments: _____ | |
| _____ | |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>Patricia M. Hill</u> | Date <u>6/19/2002</u> |
| Reviewer, NR program <u>P. K. [Signature]</u> | Date <u>7/19/02</u> |

Offutt Farmstead (Thomas-Harwood House) (amended)
F-1-145
Point of Rocks
ca. 1875-1900
Private

The Offutt Farmstead is an agricultural complex located on the east side of Ballenger Creek Pike (Point of Rocks Road). A modest, late-nineteenth-century dwelling stands near the center of a farm. A bank barn, two dwellings, a garage, and four outbuildings comprise the remaining farm complex.

The two-story, frame dwelling occupies an L-shaped footprint with an infill addition. The house is supported by a parged stone and concrete-block foundation. The building is sheathed in vinyl siding and features one-over-one, wood-sash, windows. The building's moderately-pitched, side-gabled roof is clad in slate. Three interior end chimneys punctuate the building's roofline, two in the main block and one in the ell. The building features boxed eaves with gable-end returns. The building features four entrances.

Research suggests that the property came into the ownership of the Thomas family in the eighteenth century. Mid-nineteenth-century deeds associated the property with tracts of land that Notley Thomas patented in the mid-eighteenth century. Otho Thomas (1788-1865) owned the property by 1850, though research does not suggest a link to Notley Thomas. Deed indices do not indicate that Otho Thomas or his father Benjamin Thomas (ca. 1737-1816) purchased the property from an earlier owner.

Otho Thomas lived elsewhere while he owned the property. In his 1865 will, Thomas notes that Robert Rammenburg lived on the property. Jacob N. Thomas inherited the property the following year and occupied the house. The farm then was transferred from Jacob N. Thomas to his brother Charles E. Thomas. Thomas N. Harwood purchased the farm from Thomas's estate in 1875. Harwood willed the property to Henrietta Moler in 1902. The property passed through three additional owners before the Offutt family purchased it in 1981. The Offutts currently rent the house and two apartment buildings on the property.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. F-1-145

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Offutt Farmstead (amended)
other Thomas-Harwood Farmstead, Calico Rock Farm

2. Location

street and number 2141 Point of Rocks Road not for publication
city, town Point of Rocks vicinity
county Frederick

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jerome Offutt
street and number 22 West Second Street telephone 301-662-8248
city, town Frederick state MD zip code 21701

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 2829 folio 1148
city, town Frederick tax map 102 tax parcel 16 tax ID number 001477

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
____ Other: _____

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| ____ district | ____ public | ____ X agriculture | Contributing |
| ____ X building(s) | ____ X private | ____ landscape | Noncontributing |
| ____ structure | ____ both | ____ commerce/trade | ____ 0 |
| ____ site | | ____ recreation/culture | ____ 8 buildings |
| ____ object | | ____ defense | ____ 0 sites |
| | | ____ domestic | ____ 0 structures |
| | | ____ education | ____ 0 objects |
| | | ____ funerary | ____ 0 Total |
| | | ____ government | |
| | | ____ health care | |
| | | ____ industry | |
| | | ____ religion | |
| | | ____ social | |
| | | ____ transportation | |
| | | ____ work in progress | |
| | | ____ unknown | |
| | | ____ vacant/not in use | |
| | | ____ other: | |

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory
1

7. Description

Inventory No. F-1-145

Condition

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Offutt Farmstead is located east of Ballenger Creek Pike (Point of Rocks Road) and is traversed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks. The farmstead consists of a main house (ca. 1875) and seven outbuildings, including a frame bank barn (ca. 1900).

The main house stands near the center of the farm, sited east of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks. The dwelling is reached by a long farm road and faces north, toward a cluster of several outbuildings.

The two-story, frame dwelling occupies an L-shaped footprint with an infill addition. The building is supported by a parged stone and concrete-block foundation. The building is sheathed in vinyl siding and features one-over-one, wood-sash, windows. The building's frame is composed of rough-cut lumber (Linwood Offutt, Personal Communication 15 May 2001). A moderately-pitched, side-gabled roof sheathed in slate tops the building. Three interior end chimneys punctuate the building's roofline, two in the main block and one in the ell. The building features boxed eaves with gable-end returns. The east wall of the building was replaced following a fire ca. 1983 (Linwood Offutt Personal Communication 15 May 2001). A one-story, shed-roofed addition occupies the southwest corner of the dwelling. The roof of the addition is sheathed in corrugated metal. The building features four entrances.

The building's asymmetrical, four-bay front (north) facade features a full-width, one-story porch. The porch stands atop a poured-concrete foundation and features turned spindles with some jigsawn ornamentation. The hipped porch roof is sheathed in standing-seam metal roofing. The dwelling's two front (north) entrances contains a six-panel, wood doors.

The three-bay east facade of the dwelling features a secondary entrance reached by a poured concrete stoop. A shed-roofed awning shelters the stoop, supported by a pair of recent metal supports. The awning is sheathed in corrugated metal roofing. The building's rear (south) facade measures two bays in width. The five-bay west facade features the building's third entrance, providing access to the infill addition. The entrance contains a five-panel wood door.

The dwelling's simply-finished plan comprises consists of three rooms and bathroom on the first floor. The second floor contains four rooms. The main block of the building features a basement that is lined with concrete block (Linwood Offutt, Personal Communication 15 May 2001).

Outbuildings

A bank barn, two dwellings, a garage, and four other outbuildings are part of the farm complex.

Barn- A bank barn with wagon shed/corncrib extension is located northwest of the house. The standard barn rests on a stone foundation that closes the forebay on the south end. The barn is clad in flush vertical board siding on the east and west elevations.

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The roof is corrugated metal. Board and batten siding is visible on the south end where the wagon shed/corncrib extension is appended to the barn. Sliding wood doors are located on the bank and the forebay elevations of the barn. The wagon shed/corncrib extension rests on poured concrete blocks and features a corrugated metal shed roof.

The interior H-bent framing system is constructed of oak and chestnut beams. Each bent comprises four upright posts that are supported by shorter tie beams mortised and tenoned into the upright posts across the width of the barn. The taller interior posts of each bent support the roof purlins. Angled struts from the uprights posts to the roof purlins provide additional support. A shorter tie beam is mortised and tenoned between these taller interior posts. The bents that define the hay mows feature a center upright post with a ladder. The roof rafters rest directly on the purlins and are lapped at the purlin. There is no center ridge pole in the barn.

Modifications to the barn include removal of original framing members and installation of new roof rafters. Originally pegged, most of the pegs have been replaced or strengthened with metal bolts. The north end of end of the barn has been entirely rebuilt with a concrete-block foundation wall and vertical metal siding; the rebuilding project occurred during ownership by the Offutt family. The new north end resulted in shortening the barn by one bay.

Two concrete-block silos are located near the north end of the barn. The silos have no roofs.

Apartments- A former agricultural outbuilding has been redone into a rental property that contains two domestic units. The one-story, irregularly-shaped building is vinyl sided and features a completely renovated interior (Lynwood Offutt, Personal Communication 15 May 2001).

Concrete-Block Shed and Apartments (ca. 1970)- The two-story, concrete-block building occupies a site northwest of the house. The building stands on the south side of a farm road and faces east. The building consists of a two-story main block and a long, one-story shed and was built ca. 1970 (Linwood Offutt, Personal Communication 15 May 2001).

The main block of the building stands atop a concrete-block foundation that adopts a rectangular footprint. The building is constructed of concrete blocks and terminates in a side-gabled roof. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Window openings contain one-over-one-light, wood-sash windows. Doors are of metal and feature decorative diagonal muntins. The building features a single gable-end, exterior chimney.

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The asymmetrical, three-bay, front (east) facade of the main block features an entrance off-center to the north. A metal hood surmounts the entrance. The north end bay on the second floor features a bipartite opening.

The building's asymmetrical, two-bay, north facade features a wood stair that provides access to the second-floor apartment. The second-floor entry occupies the center of the facade and features a metal hood. The building's single brick exterior chimney stands off-center on the north facade. The north wall below the gable features horizontal wood siding. The rear (south) facade of the building's main block measures two bays in width. The building's interior was completely rebuilt in 1982 (Linwood Offutt, Personal Communication 15 May 2001).

The long shed portion of the building adjoins the building's south side. The side-gabled shed is constructed of concrete blocks and features an open front (east) facade punctuated by round wood supports.

Garage- The one-story, utilitarian frame garage stands northeast of the main house. The front-gabled building faces west. The garage adopts a rectangular footprint atop a concrete-block foundation. The walls of the building are composed of simple drop siding. Window openings contain six-light, fixed windows. The garage's moderately-pitched roof is clad in corrugated metal. The building has no chimney. Appended to the rear (south) facade of the building is a corrugated-metal shed addition.

The symmetrical front (north) facade of the garage features a recent plywood double door. The asymmetrically-fenestrated west facade features two window openings and a door opening. The door opening contains a four-light-over-three-panel wood door. The single-cell interior of the building is unfinished. The shed has a poured-concrete floor.

Shed- The one-story, balloon-frame shed stands northwest of the main house. The front-gabled building faces east and occupies a rectangular footprint. The building's frame rests directly on the ground. The building is clad in flush, vertical board siding. The building's moderately-pitched roof is sheathed in corrugated metal. The shed is in decrepit condition.

The front (east) facade of the shed features a sliding-track door composed of vertical boards. Two similar sliding-track doors appear on the building's north facade. The shed features no other openings. The single-cell interior of the shed is unfinished.

Other Outbuildings- Other outbuildings include a one-story, concrete-block shed with a corrugated-metal, gabled roof. The building originally was a farrier barn, but now is used for hay storage. The east side of the building is open. A second hay storage building is a

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one-story, metal-frame and metal-clad building. A one-story, shed-roofed equipment shed and animal pen clad with vertical board siding is of recent construction.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ | |

| Specific dates | Architect/Builder |
|--------------------|--|
| Construction dates | ca. 1875, ca. 1900, ca. 1920, ca. 1960 |

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register☐ Maryland Register☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

This addendum to the 1993 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form was undertaken as part of a reconnaissance-level survey. No interiors were examined during the survey. The purpose of the survey was to field-verify building locations, document current conditions, update information on changes made to the building since it was last inventoried, and supplement the archival record.

Summary of Significance

The Offutt Farmstead is a modest, late-nineteenth-century dwelling occupying an agricultural complex in the Monocacy Valley. Several agricultural outbuildings associated with the property include a ca. 1900 barn and several later buildings. The house has been altered substantially since its construction and no longer possesses integrity of materials, design, or workmanship to qualify for consideration for the National Register Criteria for Evaluation.

Land-Tenure History

Research suggests that the property came under Thomas family ownership in the eighteenth century. The Thomas family associated with the property originated in England and is differentiated from the area's German Thomas family. Patents referenced in late-nineteenth-century deeds associated with the property included "Hazzard," "Leonard's Beginning," "Gleanings," "Resurvey on Hazzard," and "Dry Branch." These tracts of land were patented by Notley Thomas beginning in 1742 (Tracey and Dern 1987:66-67). By 1850, Otho Thomas (1788-1865) owned the Offutt Farmstead. Though a connection between Notley and Otho Thomas has not been established, Otho Thomas may have inherited the property: deed indices do not indicate that he or his father Benjamin Thomas (ca. 1737-1816) purchased the property on which the dwelling now stands.

A house existed on the property by the mid-nineteenth century. An 1858 map showed a house on or near the site of the current dwelling (Bond 1858). Otho Thomas owned the property but lived on a neighboring farm (Hitselberger and Dern 1978:220). Thomas noted in his 1865 will that Robert Rammenburg was living on the farm, which measured 204.5 acres. A survey associated with Thomas' will named the property Farm No. 3 and depicted a house on the property, north of the location of the existing dwelling.

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Jacob N. Thomas (b. ca. 1837) inherited the property from his father, Otho. Jacob's brothers Charles (ca. 1826-1869) and Otho (b. ca. 1839) inherited the two adjacent farms. An 1866 Frederick County tax assessment listed Jacob N. Thomas as occupying the Offutt Farm, then comprising 197.5 acres valued at \$11,850 (Frederick County Tax Assessments 1866). A weatherboarded dwelling and a log barn stood on the land. The farm passed later from Jacob N. Thomas to his brother Charles E. Thomas.

After Charles Thomas died in 1869, George W. Snouffer was appointed to sell the farm, then known as Calico Rock Farm. In 1875 Snouffer sold the property to Thomas N. Harwood (FCLR CM10-349). Harwood owned several farms and late in his life resided in Frederick. Harwood's will of 1902 left the 204.25-acre farm to Henrietta Moler (FCW CES1-283).

Moler retained ownership of the farm until her death. At one point Moler gave her son and daughter-in-law eight acres, reducing the farm to its current 196.25-acre area (FCLR 395-576). After Moler died, the executor of her estate sold the property to Charles F. and wife Della L. Main, in 1934 (FCLR 395-576). After Della Main died, Charles Main sold the property to John W. Owens of Adamstown in 1945 (FCLR 446-248). In 1945, Owens conveyed the property to Calvin Athey and Lucille D. Athey (FCLR 514-331).

The Atheys sold the farm after nearly forty years to the Offutt family. In 1981, widow Lucille Athey transferred the property to Linwood T. Offutt, Sr., Linwood T. Offutt, Jr. and Helen W. Offutt (FCLR 1163-353; 1164-513; 1198-996; 1754-226). The Offutts currently rent the main house and two other buildings on the property (Linwood T. Offutt, Jr., Personal Communication 15 May 2001).

Although the land tenure history is associated with the Thomas family (English), the current house on the property appears to date from the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The modest dwelling exhibits minimal late-nineteenth-century scrollwork ornamentation. The building's exterior appearance has undergone modification, including the installation of asbestos siding and a poured-concrete porch foundation. The building's east wall also was rebuilt after a fire ca. 1983. The building is not associated with a significant event (Criterion A) or person (Criterion B) and does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction (Criterion C).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Isaac Bond

1858 Map of Frederick County.

Frederick County Land Records

Frederick County Tax Assessments

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 196.25
Acreage of historical setting 208.25
Quadrangle name Point of Rocks

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Offutt property lies along both sides of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad northeast of Point of Rocks. From Ballenger Creek Pike, the north boundary runs southeast, north, and southeast to meet the railroad right-of-way. The east boundary of the property follows the railroad south to a point north of the farm complex, where the boundary again turns southeast along the south border of the Vernon and Hines property (map 102 parcel 14). The boundary turns southwest where it meets the south Vernon and Hines property (map 109 parcel 1) and continues nearly to Tuscarora Creek Road. At the property's southeast corner the boundary turns northwest and runs to Dry Branch, where it turns in a more northerly direction and crosses the railroad right-of-way again. At a point east of the MD 464 right-of-way, the property boundary turns west and then northeast to meet the southwest border of the Star Concrete property (map 102 parcel 15). The boundaries of the Offutt property continue to follow the south and east sides of the Star Concrete property to the point of beginning. The boundary represents the current boundaries of the Offutt property, which closely matches the historic boundaries of the property.

11. Form Prepared by

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|-----------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| name/title | Scott Meacham, Architectural Historian | | |
| organization | R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. | date | May 2001 |
| street & number | 241 East Fourth Street, Suite 100 | telephone | 301-694-0428 |
| city or town | Frederick | state | Maryland |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Frederick County Wills

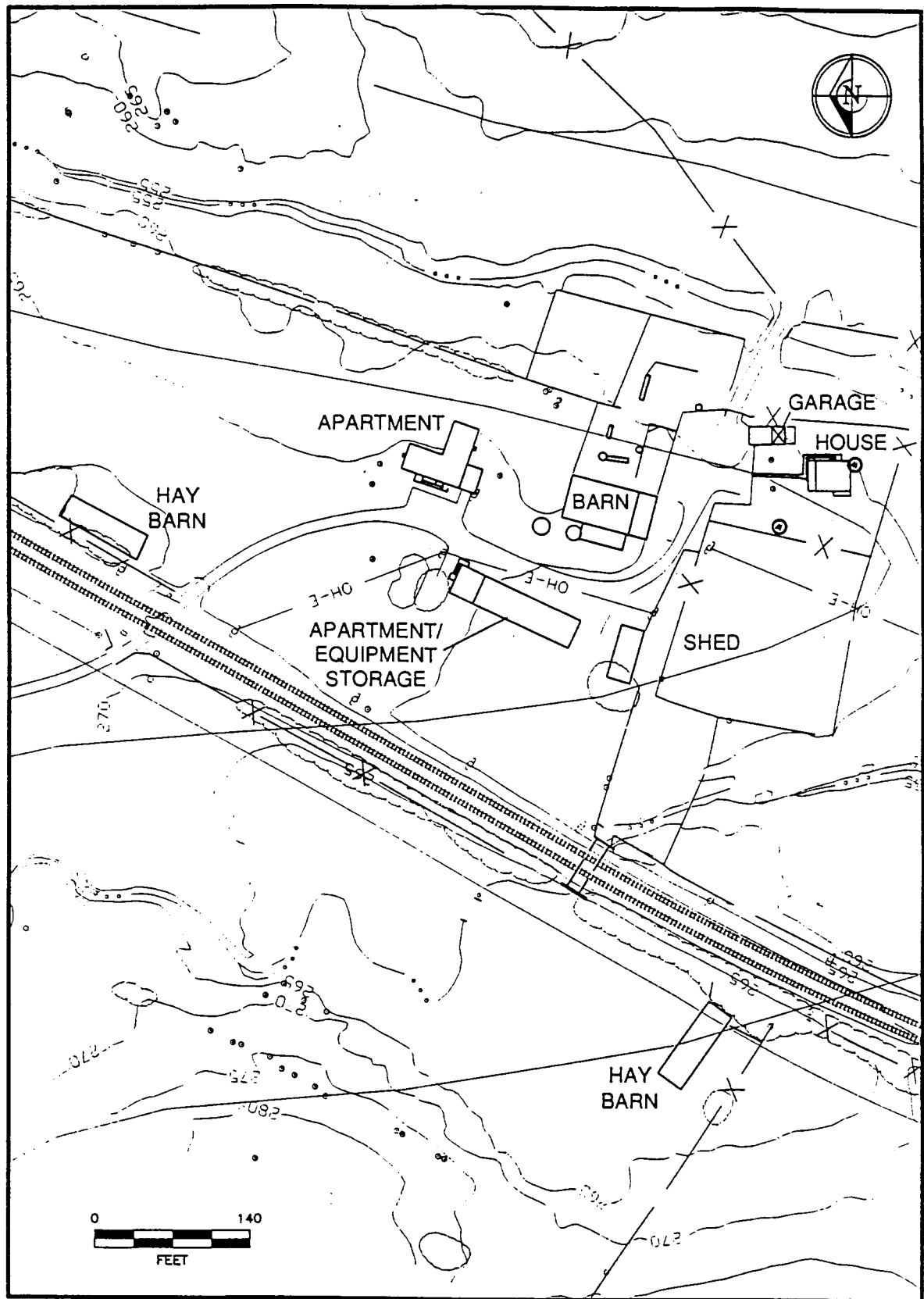
Hitselberger, Mary Fitzhugh and John Philip Dern

1978 *Bridge in Time: The Complete 1850 Census of Frederick County, Maryland.*
Monocacy Book Company, Redwood City, California.

Offutt, Linwood T., Jr.

2001 Personal Communication. 15 May.

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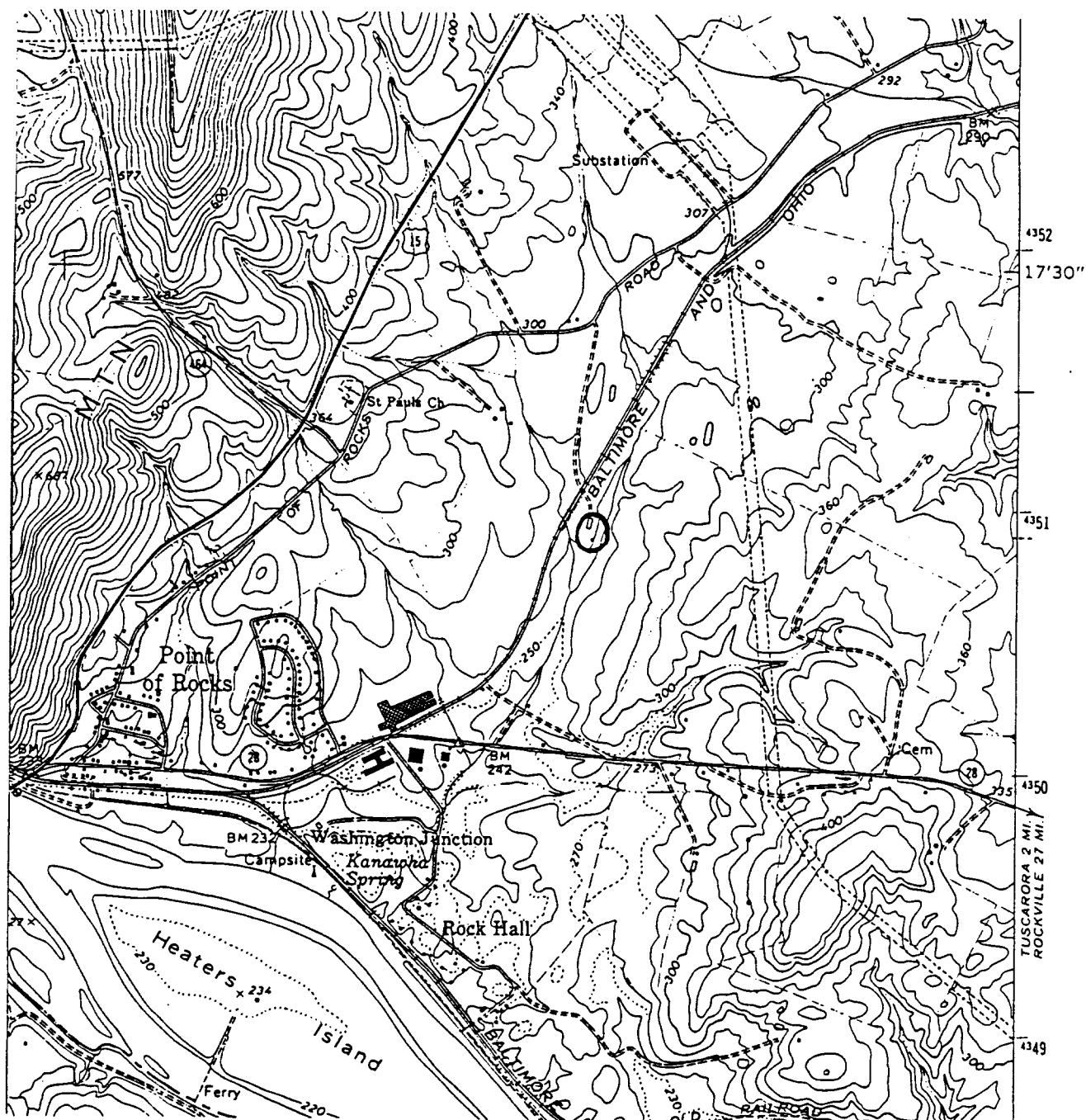


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Point of Rocks, Md.-Va. USGS Quadrangle
1970, Photoinspected 1981





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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, FRONT (N) AND W FACADES, VIEW SE

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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SH PO

MAIN HOUSE, S AND E FACADES, VIEW NW

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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

BANK BARN, S AND E FACADES, VIEW NW

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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

RESEARCH-PHOTOGRAPHY-19-10-11

BANK BARN AND SILOS, N FACADE, VIEWS

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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

BANK BARN INTERIOR

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OFFOT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

APARTMENT, FRONT (WEST) AND SOUTH FACADES, VIEW NE

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OFFUT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

APARTMENT/SHED FRONT (F) AND N FACADES, VIEW SW

F/10



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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

ML SHPO

GARAGE, FRONT (N) AND W FACADES, VIEW SE

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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

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SHED, FRONT (E) AND N FACADES, VIEW SW

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OFFUTT FARMSTEAD

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

KATHERINE GRANDINE

MAY 2001

MD SHPO

HAY SHED, S AND FRONT (E) FACADES, UTEN NW

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F-1-145
Thomas-Harwood Farmstead
Point of Rocks vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850-1920

The Thomas-Harwood Farmstead is centered on a circa 1850 dwelling which may have log structure, but is more likely a frame house, with vinyl siding and a slate roof, with a one-story porch. The remaining outbuildings include a frame bank barn, a frame tractor shed, and a second frame equipment shed, all built within the period 1875-1920. Several non-contributing outbuildings and two residences are also part of the larger grouping in which the farmstead is located. The group is located on the east side of the former B&O Railroad line from Point of Rocks to Frederick, in open fields with many outcrops of the breccia known as calico rock. The farm was called Calico Rock Farm by Thomas N. Harwood and his descendants from 1873-1934. The farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of the buildings, which are typical representatives of the vernacular styles of the period 1850-1920. The double entrances of the house link it to the German buildings more commonly found in the northern part of Frederick County.

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Thomas-Harwood Farmstead

Point of Rocks

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ☒no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas-Harwood Farmstead; Calico Rock Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2141A Ballenger Creek Pike ___ not for publication

city, town Point of Rocks ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|-------------------|---|
| ___ district | ___ public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | ___ agriculture | ___ museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | ___ unoccupied | ___ commercial | ___ park |
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| | ___ being considered | ___ yes: unrestricted | ___ industrial | ___ transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | ___ no | ___ military | ___ other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name W. Jerome Offutt, trustee - Linwood and Helen Offutt Charitable Trust

street & number 22 W. 2nd Street telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1754

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 226

city, town Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-195

date 1982 ___ federal ☒ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-145

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Thomas-Harwood Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1850 frame dwelling with three contributing agricultural outbuildings of the period 1850-1900, and two non-contributing dwellings and several non-contributing agricultural outbuildings, located on the east side of the former B&O Railroad tracks about 1-1/2 miles northeast of Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The contributing dwelling is the southernmost building in the complex and faces north. The farmstead is located on generally flat ground with numerous outcrops of breccia or calico rock, which gave rise to the farm's name during the ownership of Thomas N. Harwood and his descendants, from 1873 to about 1930. The dwelling has been considerably altered in the period about 1980-1982 and the outbuildings also show alterations in roof material and siding. Dates of the buildings were estimated from land records, historical maps, and architectural evidence.

The circa 1850 house may have some log structure, but its interior was inaccessible for the survey and no certain evidence is visible on the exterior. The general form of the house corresponds to others of the mid-19th century which have been verified as log buildings. The house is generally L-shaped in plan, with two stories and a rear wing extending from the southeast corner. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding. The north elevation has a one-story porch with turn columns and a concrete deck. The two inner bays on the first floor contain doorways, with modern replacement doors. The windows are 1/1 replacements also. The roof of the house is slate and the porch roof is standing seam metal. Interior end chimneys rise at the east and west gable ends. The rear wing has an extended one-story shed on the west side, probably an enlargement of an original porch on the wing.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn located north of the house has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. On the south gable end of the barn is a wagon shed addition with a corn crib on the outer side. The stall level on the east elevation is partially enclosed by wood partition walls. Next to the ramp on the west side of the barn is a non-contributing concrete silo. The barn appears to date from about 1875-1900, although its interior was not accessible for examination of the interior framing structure.

Tractor shed: The frame tractor shed is located west of the barn and is a rectangular building with vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. Sliding doors on the east elevation enclose the shed. Its date appears to be about 1920.

Frame shed: The frame shed located south of the tractor shed is a frame rectangular building with german siding and a corrugated metal roof. Double swing doors are on the east elevation and 3/3 windows are in the north and south sides. Its original use is unknown, but its form suggests it was a wagon shed without the corn cribs of the drive-through type. Its date is probably about 1900-1920.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-1-145

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Thomas-Harwood Farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of its one contributing dwelling and the remaining contributing outbuildings. The house is typical in form and the modern finish of the exterior of many mid and late 19th century residences in Frederick County. Its double entries connect it to the German building tradition rather than the symmetrical single center entrance or side hall entrance plans of English origins more commonly found in the Adamstown Region. The slate roof, although not usually used in the German house types, is fairly common in the Adamstown Region, even on modest houses. The house was probably built by Otho Thomas, the owner of the large tract on which the farmstead is located, one of several building groups on the property in the 1850's. The Isaac Bond map of 1858 appears to show the house, although the reprinted version currently available is almost illegible in the southern section of the Adamstown Region. On the 1873 map, the house is shown as one of the several farms owned by Thomas N. Harwood. Harwood purchased the farm in that year and his descendants retained the property until 1934. Most of the remaining contributing outbuildings were probably built by Harwood.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-145

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the southernmost dwellings as shown on the attached quad map section, also Tax Map 102, Parcel 16.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
(410) 814-7600

21414 Ballenger Creek Pike

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Miscellaneous

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| 1754/226 27 Dec 91 | M. Jerome Offutt trustee of J. & H. Offutt Charitable Remainder Trust | Linwood T. & Helen M. Offutt | part of reserve on "Hazard" " " "Dry Branch" | | |
| 1164/513 16 Apr 83 8 Jan 81 | Linwood T. Offutt Sr. et ux | Linwood T. et ux & Linwood T. Jr. | | | |
| 1136/353 7 Jan 81 | Linwood T. Offutt et al | Lucille D. Athey, undiv | 196 1/4 A. | \$215,000 | |
| 514/331 8 Apr 53 | Calvin & Lucille D. Athey | John W. Owens | 196 1/4 A. | \$20,000 | |
| 446/248 1 Mar 45 | John W. Owens | Charles F. Main, undiv | 196 1/4 A. | | |
| 395/576 8 Dec 34 | Charles F. & Della L. Main | Parsons New- man, exec. & ancillary adm. of | 196 1/4 A., the major portion of farm No. 3 assigned to Henrietta Moler, dec. | \$1,930 | Jacob M. Thomas, one of the devisees of Otto Thomas |
| Will Record CES 1/283 | Henrietta Moler da. of J. M. Harwood | Thomas M. Harwood | "Calico Rock Farm" | | |
| CM 10/349 15 Sept 1873 | Thomas M. Harwood | George W. Snodder trustee in Equity 3586 | \$204 1/4 A. David O. Thomas vs Elijah J. Thomas et al | \$10,933.60 | JWLC 4/2 Charles O. Thomas from Jacob M. Thomas |
| Jacob M. Thomas Will Record TL Mc 1/209 | Jacob M. Thomas | Otto Thomas | | | |
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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCESBond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, Maryland, 1862.Lake, D.J., Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, 1873.Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Baltimore, 1968.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June 1982

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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STATE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas/Harwood Farm is significant architecturally for its mid-19th century house and barn which are good examples of regional vernacular building. The two story, four bay wide, gable roofed farmhouse with two interior end chimneys and two front doorways is an example of what is known as the Pennsylvania farmhouse type and reflects a synthesis of building traditions. The four bay facade with double doorways derives from Germanic building tradition, while the regularity of the facade and the two interior end chimneys represent the influence of the Georgian tradition. The frame barn has a forebay on its east elevation which is a characteristic of the Pennsylvania barn type.

These building forms are more characteristic of central and northern Frederick County (where there was heavier German settlement) than of the southern part of the county. The settlement of this area was dominated by British settlers from eastern Maryland. Charles Carroll's "Carrollton Manor" included much of this area. Scharf, however, notes that at least half of the population in this area was either German or of German descent (Vol. I, p. 567). This four bay wide house type with double doors is unusual, however, in the Point of Rocks - Doubs area.

The property also holds historical associations with two local families, the Harwood and Thomas families. Both are listed by Scharf as among the earliest settlers of the Point of Rocks area (Vol. I, p. 567). The property is shown on the 1862 Bond map of Frederick County as that of O. Thomas, and on the 1873 Lake Atlas as that of T. Harwood.

This property is of local significance; it is not likely to be eligible for the National Register.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Thomas/Harwood house is located at the end of a long dirt road leading from the east side of Point of Rocks Road, south of the Doubs Power Station. The house and barn are situated near the east side of the B&O Railroad tracks, south of a small modern house and garage building. The house is of frame construction, two stories high, gable roofed, and faces north. It has two interior end chimneys, and is four bays wide and two bays deep. A one-story hip roofed wooden porch with simple wooden ornamentation is located on the north facade. This principal facade has two doors located in the two central first floor bays, a feature usually associated with German building traditions. The house is in good condition and is currently undergoing renovation.

Located to the north of the house is a large frame barn on a high foundation. On the east elevation there is a projecting forebay. On the north gable end of the barn is a shed roofed section. The barn is in deteriorated condition, with its framing exposed in several places.

Although the house and barn are still located in an agricultural area, the modern house and garage building to the north detract somewhat from the setting.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI # 1111455404

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Thomas/Harwood Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

End of dirt road from east side of Point of Rock's Road,
south of the Doubs Power Station.

CITY, TOWN

Point of Rocks ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

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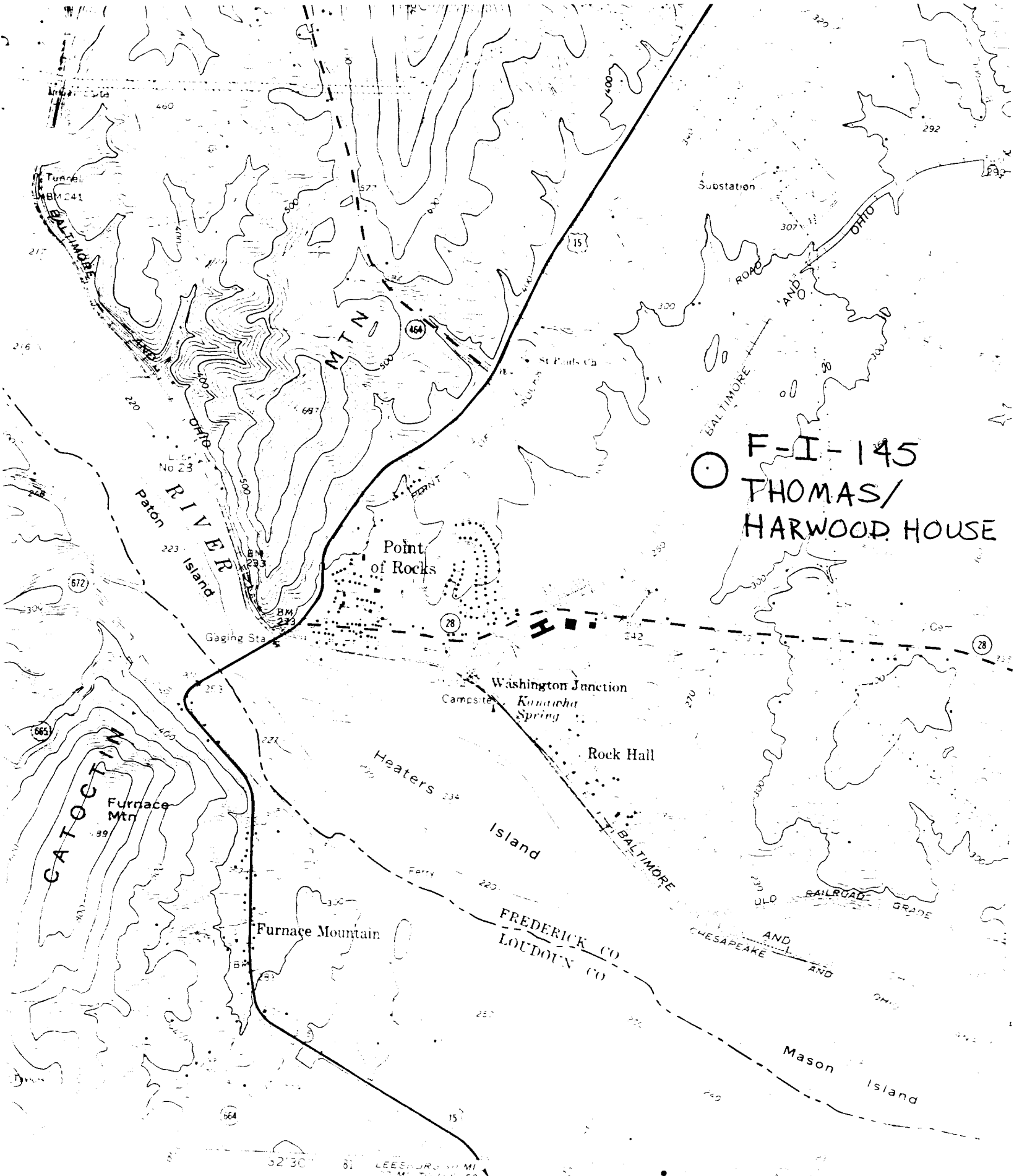
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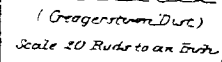
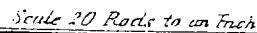
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HARWOOD HOUSE

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Scale 1/2 inches to an mile



C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
Co., 1873



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Thomas.-Horwood Farmstead
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

June 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO. Pawnsville Md.

North elevation

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Thomas-Horwood Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

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Nea. loc.: Md. SHPO Crownsville, Md.

Southwest corner view

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Thomas-Horwood Farmstead
Frederick County

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Bank barn, east elevation

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Thomas/Glenwood House

North elevation

Peggy Bruns Weissman

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